

REMARKS

Claims 13-25 are pending in the application. The status of these claims is as follows:

Claims / Section	35 U.S.C. Sec.	References / Notes
15, 16, 18-21 & 23	Objection/Allowable	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dependent upon rejected base claim(s), but otherwise allowable
13, 14, 17, 22, 24 & 25	§102(b) Anticipation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Heide, et al. (WO 02/03096).

5 Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

Applicants have amended claims 13, 15, 18-22, 24, & 25 to include subject matter indicated as allowable by the Examiner, and cancelled claims 15, 17, & 23. Namely, the limitations of allowable claim 15 were added to claim 13, the 10 limitations of claim 17 were added to allowable claims 18-21, the limitations of allowable claim 23 were added to claim 22, and the limitations of allowable claim 15 were added to claims 24 and 25.

Based on the addition of subject matter indicated a allowable by the Examiner to all remaining claims in the application, the Applicants respectfully 15 assert that all objections and rejections to the application have been fully addressed.

Furthermore, pursuant to the Examiner's request, Applicants have produced a full translation of International Patent Publication 02/03096 (attached as Appendix A) and request that the Examiner provide an indication in the Notice

of Allowance that this translated document was also considered during the pendency of this application.

CONCLUSION

Inasmuch as each of the objections have been overcome by the
5 amendments, and all of the Examiner's suggestions and requirements have been
satisfied, it is respectfully requested that the present application be reconsidered,
the rejections be withdrawn and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in
this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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